

**Public Employees' Retirement Board
Employee Investment Advisory Council**

100 North Park Avenue, Room 201

Helena MT 59601

Thursday July 16, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Committee

Patricia Davis, Chairman

Tom Schneider, Member

Paul Spengler, Member, Excused

Tim House, Member

Amy Berry, Member, Excused

Barb Wagner, Member, Excused

Steve Hagen, Member, Excused

Jim Penner, Member

Diane Fladmo, Member Via conference call

Randy Morris, Member

James Helgeson, Member

MPERA Staff

Bill Holahan, Legal Counsel

Jenny Weigand, MPERA Education

Melanie Symons, MPERA Chief Legal Counsel

Barb Quinn, Fiscal Services Bureau Chief

Public

Sheena Wilson, Board Member

Marty Tuttle, DOC Chief Legal Counsel

Anne Cappel, Empower Retirement

Terry Smith, DC Member, Big Sky Water and Sewer – Via conference call

Presenters

Jon Slinger, Buck Consultants

Melanie Symons, MPERA Chief Legal Counsel

ACTIONS

IV. Fund Performance Review

- Buck Consultants provided an overview of the market and fund performance for both the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan and the 401(a) Defined Contribution plans.

V. Fund Search

- Buck Consultants presented a review of six high yield mutual fund options for inclusion in the 401(a) plan including the current fund available in the 457(b) plan. Based on Buck's evaluation of the mutual funds presented they suggested moving the Neuberger Berman High Income Bond Investor share (NHINX) to the Neuberger Berman High Income Bond Institutional share (NHILX) for the 457(b) Plan, reducing the expense ratio from .83 to .69 basis points. In addition they recommended adding the Neuberger Berman High Income Institutional share (NHILX) to the 401(a) Plan.
 - Member Tim House Moved to change the share class of the Neuberger Berman High Income Bond Investor share (NHINX) to the Neuberger Berman High Income Bond Institutional share (NHILX) for the 457(b) Plan and add the Neuberger Berman High Income Bond Institutional share (NHILX) to the 401(a) Plan. Member Tom Schneider seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- Buck Consultants presented a review of four mid-cap growth mutual fund options. After reviewing the options Buck recommended maintaining the Victory Munder Mid-Cap Growth A Fund.
 - Member Jim Penner moved to retain the fund, Member Tim House seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Approval of EIAC meeting minutes – January 15, 2015

- The committee returned to the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting because Member Randy Morris arrived making a quorum. Member Tom Schneider moved to approve the minutes as written. Member James Helgeson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Legislative Update

- MPERA's Chief Legal Counsel, Melanie Symons provided information to the committee about the Qualification Bill HB-124 as well as plan document changes for the 457(b) and 401(a) based on this bill.

VII. Stable Value RFP Update

- Chairperson Patricia Davis provided an update to the committee for the Stable Value RFP.

VIII. Discuss Possible Joint EIAC/Board Meeting

- Chairperson Patricia Davis provided information about the possible joint EIAC and Board meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2015.